PROVINCIAL ELECTION.

INSTRUCTIONS for AGENTS

AT THE POLLS.

The principle is incorporated in the Ontario Election Law of ONE MAN, ONE VOTE. And the voter must vote in the Electoral District in which he resides. Every canvasser should make a note of every voter who has removed from the place of residence marked in the Voters' List, and if the voter has removed out of the Electoral District he cannot vote, and should be sworn if he presents himself to vote.

The Sections quoted are those of the Ontario Election Act. The Deputy Returning Officer is provided with a copy for the use of the Election; if necessary refer him to the section indicated.

1. The poll opens at 9 A.M. and closes at 5 P.M. **Poll.**

2. Make an oath of secrecy before a Justice of the Peace, before polling day, and present it with your authority as Agent to the Deputy Returning Officer. If required, the Deputy Returning Officer must take the oath. **Agents' appointment.**

3. Have with you a Voters' List, carefully prepared for your guidance, showing each voter you are to object to, and to swear also those of your own voters who may be objected to by the party, so that you may be prepared to sustain them. **Prepared Voters' List.**

4. The Returning Officer shall obtain from the clerk of the Municipality, and shall furnish to each Deputy Returning Officer, a certificate of the date upon which the Assessment Roll was returned by the Assessor, and also the date upon which it was finally revised. **Date of Return and Final Revision of Roll.**

5. Every voter whose name is on the Voters' List of the polling subdivision may vote; provided, if required, he takes the oath or affirmation prescribed to be taken by voters. **Who may Vote.**

6. A voter may select the form of oath he will take. Amendment 1889, Chap. 5, 52 Vic. **Oath.**

7. A voter refusing to take the oath cannot subsequently be admitted to vote; and if the Deputy Returning Officer afterwards gives such person a ballot, he is liable to a fine of two hundred dollars. Sub-section 6, section 90. **Refusing the Oath.**

Residence of Voters.

8. The voter must at the time fixed by Statute for beginning to make the Assessment Roll, or for making complaint to the County Judge to insert his name on the Voters' List, and also at the date of the election, be a resident of and domiciled in the Municipality in which he desires to vote.

Voters must have resided in the Electoral District *continuously* since the time fixed as above mentioned for beginning to make the roll or for making complaint, up to and including the day of the election. Temporary absence does not disqualify.

When swearing a voter see that the proper date is inserted in the oath. [See the oaths.]

Qualification.

9. No question of qualification can be raised at any Election, except to ascertain whether the person tendering his vote is the same person intended to be designated in the Voters' List. R. S. O., c. 9., sec. 91.

Penalty for attempting to vote more than once.

10. No person shall attempt to vote at more than one polling place under a penalty of two hundred dollars.

Initialling Ballot.

11. The Deputy Returning Officer shall place his name or initials on the back of each ballot, but no other mark or figure of any kind before handing it to the voter.

Voter Marking Ballot.

12. The voter shall then in the compartment provided, place a cross, thus ×, on the right hand side opposite the name of the Reform Candidate, and shall hold the ballot paper so as to conceal the names of the Candidates, but showing the initials of the Deputy Returning Officer and the printed number on the back of the ballot, and then hand it to the Deputy Returning Officer, who will put it into the ballot box.

Inability to Mark Ballot.

13. A person unable to mark his ballot, on making a declaration that he is unable to read, shall have it marked for him, as he may indicate, by the Deputy Returning Officer in presence of the Agents. Section 101.

Voter Personated.

14. A voter who has been personated can tender a ballot. Section 102.

Tendering a Ballot.

15. A person claiming to be entitled to vote, but whose name is not on the Voters' List, may tender a ballot. Section 103.

Spoiling Ballot.

16. A voter who has spoiled his ballot paper can have another on delivering up the one spoiled. Section 104.

Counting the Ballots.

17. Immediately after the close of the poll the Deputy Returning Officer. in presence of the Poll Clerk and the two Agents for each candidate, shall open the ballot box and proceed to count the votes, and in doing so shall open them with their printed faces upwards, so that they can be seen by the Agents present. Section 106. See also 53 V. c. 3, s. 4.

Void Ballots.

18. Those ballots are void which have not been supplied by the Deputy Returning Officer, or on which votes are given to more candidates than are to be elected, or on which anything in addition to the printed number, or name or initials of the Deputy Returning Officer on the back is written or marked by which the voter can be

identified. But no word or mark written or made, or omitted to be written or made by the Deputy Returning Officer on a ballot paper shall void the same. Sub-section 2, section 106. Exception.

18. The Deputy Returning Officer shall take a note of any objection made to a ballot, and shall number and initial it on the back, but the decision of the Deputy Returning Officer shall be final as to counting such ballot. Sub-sections 3 and 4, section 106. Objection to any Ballot.

18. The Deputy Returning Officer shall endorse *rejected* on ballots he rejects, and if required shall endorse it *rejection objected to.* Sub-section 5, section 106. Rejected Ballots.

19. The Deputy Returning Officer shall then make up a statement of the votes given for each candidate, in words as well as in figures, under the proper heads, which shall be signed by the Deputy Returning Officer, the Poll Clerk, and such of the agents as may desire to sign such statement. Sub-sections 6 and 7, section 106. Ballot Statement.

20. The Deputy Returning Officer shall certify on the Voters' List, under his own signature in full words, the total number of persons who have voted at the polling place at which he has been appointed to preside. Section 108. Certifying Voters' List.

21. At the close of the poll the Deputy Returning Officer, on being required so to do, shall deliver to each of the agents present a certificate of the number of votes given to each candidate, and of the number of rejected ballot papers. Section 109. Certificate to Agents.

The agent must be sure to ask for the above certificate, and preserve it carefully.

22. The Deputy Returning Officer shall, at the completion of the counting of the votes, make up into packages the ballots and documents used in the election in the manner directed in section 110, and shall seal them. See also 53 V. c. 5, s. 6. Making up and Sealing Paper.

The agents may also affix their seals to the same. Section 110.

23. Any Deputy Returning Officer or Poll Clerk who refuses or neglects to perform any of the obligations or formalities required of him by the Election Act, shall for each such refusal or neglect incur a penalty of two hundred dollars.

24. The Agent *must remain to see the ballots counted*, and sealed up in the envelopes, and *on no account be absent for a moment until that is done ; nor leave the Polling booth until he receives the certificate* of the number of *votes polled for each candidate* from the Deputy Returning Officer,

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FORMS OF OATHS

Form 18.

(*Referred to in Section* 91.)

FORM OF OATH OF PERSON VOTING AS OWNER, TENANT OR OCCUPANT OF REAL ESTATE, OR AS A HOUSEHOLDER.

You *swear* (1) that you are the person named or purporting to be named by the name of on the list of voters now shewn to you ; (2) That on the (3) day of 18 , you were actually, truly and in good faith possessed to your own use and benefit, as either owner, tenant or occupant, in your own right or in the right of your wife, of the real estate in respect of which your name is as aforesaid entered on the said list of voters, and are as such entitled to vote at this election ;

That you are now actually and in good faith a resident of and domiciled within this electoral district ; (4)

That you are of the full age of twenty-one years ;

That you are a subject of Her Majesty either by birth or by naturalization ;

That you have not voted before at this election, either at this or any other polling place ;

That you have not received anything, nor has anything been promised you either directly or indirectly, either to induce you to vote at this election or for loss of time, travelling expenses, hire of team or any other service connected therewith ;

And that you have not directly, or indirectly, paid or promised anything to any person, either to induce him to vote, or to refrain from voting at this election.

So help you God.

Form 19.

(*Referred to in Section* 91.)

ORDINARY FORM OF OATH OF PERSON VOTING IN RESPECT OF INCOME, OR AS A WAGE-EARNER.

You *swear* (1) that you are the person named or purporting to be named by the name of on the list of voters now shewn to you ; (2)

That on the (3) day of 18 , you were, and thenceforward have been continuously and still are a resident of the territory included in this electoral district, and are entitled to vote at this election.

That at the said date, and for twelve months previously, you were from your trade, occupation, office, calling or profession, in receipt of an income or wages amounting to a sum not less than $250 ; (4).

That you are of the full age of twenty-one years ;

That you are a subject of Her Majesty either by birth or by naturalization ;

That you have not voted before at this election, either at this or any other polling place ;

That you have not received anything, nor has anything been promised to you, either directly or indirectly, either to induce you to vote at this

election, or for loss of time, travelling expenses, hire of team, or any other service connected therewith ;

And that you have not directly, or indirectly, paid or promised anything to any person, either to induce him to vote, or to refrain from voting at this election.

So help you God.

Form 19A.

(See 52 V. c. 5, s. 1, printed at page 40.)

Form of Oath, *in ordinary cases*, to be administered at an election to Voters by virtue of Manhood Suffrage.

Where the voter was a resident for nine months before the Assessor began his roll.

You swear that you are the person named, or intended to be named, by the name of in the list of voters now shown to you.

That you are a British subject by birth or naturalization, and that you have resided in this Province for the nine months next preceding the day fixed by law for beginning to make the assessment roll on which the voters' list now shown to you is based.

That you were at the said date in good faith a resident of and domiciled in this municipality in which you are now voting.

That you have resided in the electoral district in and for which this election is now being held continuously from the said date, and that you are now actually residing and domiciled therein.

That you are entitled to vote at this election and in this municipality.

That you are of the full age of 21 years ;

That you have not voted before at this election, either at this or any other polling place ;

That you have not received anything, nor has anything been promised you, either directly or indirectly, either to induce you to vote at this election, or for loss of time, travelling expenses, hire of team, or any other service connected therewith ;

And that you have not, directly or indirectly, paid or promised anything to any person, either to induce him to vote, or to refrain from voting at this election.

So help you God. 52 V., c. 5, Form C.

Form 19B.

(See 52 V. c. 5, s. 1, printed at page 40.)

Form of Oath for same purpose as Form 19A.

Where the Voter was temporarily absent from the Province.

You swear that you are the person named or intended to be named by the name of in the list of voters now shown to you ;

That you are a British subject by birth or naturalization, and that you have resided in this Province for the nine months next preceding the day fixed by law for beginning to make the assessment roll on which the voters' list now shown to you is based.

That you were at the said date in good faith a resident of and domiciled in this municipality in which you are now voting.

That you have resided in the electoral district in and for which this election is now being held continuously from the said date, and that you are now actually resident and domiciled therein.

That you have not been absent from this Province during the said nine months, or at any time since, except occasionally or temporarily, in the prosecution of your occupation as (*mentioning, as the case may be, a lumberman, or mariner, or fisherman, or in attendance as a student in an institution of learning in the Dominion of Canada naming the institution.*)

That you are entitled to vote at this election and in this municipality.

That you are of the full age of 21 years ;

That you have not voted before at this election, either at this or any other polling place, that you have not received anything, nor has anything been promised you either directly or indirectly, either to induce you to vote at this election, or for loss of time, travelling expenses, hire of team, or any other service connected therewith ;

And that you have not, directly or indirectly, paid or promised anything to any person, either to induce him to vote, or to refrain from voting at this election.

So help you God. 52 V. c. 5, Form D.

Form 19E.

(*See 52 V. c. 5, s. 1, printed at page 40.*)

Form of Oath in ordinary cases to be administered at an election to a Voter by virtue of Manhood Suffrage.

Where he was Resident for Twelve Months Preceding the Time for Making Appeals to the County Judge to be placed on Voters' List.

You swear that you are the person named or intended to be named by the name of in the list of voters now shown to you ;

That you are a British subject, by birth, or naturalization and that you have resided in this Province for the twelve months next preceding the last day on which, under the Act relating to Voters' Lists, complaint could be made to the County Judge to insert in the voters' list now shown to you the name of any person omitted therefrom.

That you were at the said date in good faith a resident of and domiciled in this municipality in which you are now voting.

That you have resided in the electoral district in and for which this election is now being held, continuously from the said date, and are now actually resident and domiciled therein.

That you are entitled to vote at this election and in this municipality.

That you are of the full age of 21 years ;

That you have not voted before at this election, either at this or any other polling place ;

That you have not received anything, nor has anything been promised you, either directly or indirectly, either to induce you to vote at this election, or for loss of time, travelling expenses, hire of team, or any other service connected therewith ;

And that you have not, directly or indirectly, paid or promised anything to any person, either to induce him to vote, or to refrain from voting at this election.

So help you God. 52 V., c. 5, Form G.

Form 19F.

(*See 52 V. c. 5, s. 1, printed at page 40.*)

Form of Oath for the same purpose as Form 19E, but where the Voter was temporarily absent.

You swear that you are the person named or intended to be named by the name of in the list of voters now shown to you ;

That you are a British subject by birth, or naturalization, and that you have resided in this Province for the twelve months next preceding the last day on which, under the Act relating to Voters' Lists, complaint could be made to the County Judge to insert in the voters' list now shown to you the name of any person omitted therefrom.

That you were at the said date in good faith a resident of and domiciled in this municipality in which you are now voting.

That you have resided in the electoral district in and for which this election is now being held continuously from the said date, and are now actually resident and domiciled therein.

That you have not been absent from this Province during the said twelve months or at any time since, except occasionally or temporarily, in the prosecution of your occupation as (*mentioning, as the case may be, a lumberman, or mariner, or fisherman, or in attendance as a student in an institution of learning in the Dominion of Canada, naming the institution*),

That you are entitled to vote at this election and in this municipality.

That you are of the full age of 21 years ;

That you have not voted before at this election, either at this or at any other polling place, that you have not received anything, nor has anything been promised you either directly or indirectly, either to induce you to vote at this election, or for loss of time, travelling expenses, hire of team, or any other service connected therewith ;

And that you have not, directly or indirectly, paid or promised anything to any person, either to induce him to vote, or to refrain from voting at this election.

So help you God. 52 V., c. 5, Form H.

Form 20.

(*Referred to in Section* 91.)

FORM OF OATH FOR A LANDHOLDER'S SON.

You *swear* (1) that you are the person named or purporting to be named by the name of on the list of voters now shewn to you ; (2)

That on the (3) day of 18 , *A. B.* (4) was, as you verily believe actually, truly, and in good faith possessed to *his* (5) own use as owner, tenant or occupant of the property in respect of which your name is so as aforesaid entered on the said voters' list, and was then actually and in good faith residing and domiciled upon said property ;

That you are a *son* (6) of the said *A. B.*; (4)

That you resided within this municipality with the said *A. B.*, for, and during the whole of the twelve months next before the return by the Assessor of the assessment roll on which the voters' list used at this election is based, not having been absent during that period, except temporarily and not more than six months in all ; and except and save for

and during such further time (if any) as was spent by you either in the occupation of a mariner or fisherman, or as a student of some institution of learning situate within this Province ;

That you are still a resident of this Electoral District, and are entitled to vote at this election ;

That you are of the full age of twenty-one years ;

That you are a subject of Her Majesty either by birth or by naturalization ;

That you have not voted before at this election, either at this or any other polling place ;

That you have not received anything, nor has anything been promised you, either directly or indirectly, either to induce you to vote at this election, or for loss of time, travelling expenses, hire of team, or any other service connected therewith ;

And that you have not directly, or indirectly, paid or promised anything to any person, either to induce him to vote, or to refrain from voting, at this election.

So help you God.

Form 28.

(*Referred to in Section* 103.)

FORM OF OATH OF VOTER WHOSE NAME IS NOT ON THE VOTERS' LIST.

You swear (*or* solemnly affirm) that you believe that your name ought to have been entered upon the voters' list to be used for the Polling Subdivision of the Township (*or as the case may be*) of in the Electoral District of , at the present election, and that your name has been improperly omitted from such voters' list.

(*Add the statements necessary for voter's oath in other cases.*)

Form 22.

(*Referred to in Section* 77.)

FORM OF OATH TO BE TAKEN IN MUNICIPALITIES IN ALGOMA, MUSKOKA, NIPISSING AND PARRY SOUND, WHERE THERE IS A VOTERS' LIST.

By persons who vote as resident householders, but are entered in the list as owners or freeholders.

You *swear* (1) that you are the person named, or purporting to be named by the name of on the list of voters now shown to you. (2)

That you are actually, truly and in good faith a resident householder of this electoral district, in respect of the property for which you are assessed in this municipality as owner (*or* freeholder), and for which you are entered as such in the list of voters now shown to you ;

That you are now and have been continuously for the six months immediately preceding this date, actually, truly, and in good faith, a resident within the territory included in this electoral district ;

That you are of the full age of twenty-one years ;

That you are a subject of Her Majesty, either by birth or by naturalization ;

That you have not voted before at this election, either at this or any other polling place ;

That you have not received anything, nor has anything been promised you, either directly or indirectly, either to induce you to vote at this election, or for loss of time, travelling expenses, hire of team, or any other service connected therewith ;

And that you have not, directly or indirectly, paid or promised anything to any person, either to induce him to vote, or to refrain from voting at this election :

So help you God.

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(1) If the voter is a person who may by law affirm in civil cases, then for "*swear*" substitute "*solemnly affirm.*"

(2) The Deputy Returning Officer shall hereupon show the voters' list to the voter.

Form 23.

(*Referred to in Section* 92.)

FORM OF THE OATH TO BE TAKEN BY VOTERS IN ALGOMA, MUSKOKA, NIPISSING AND PARRY SOUND, WHERE THERE IS NO ASSESSMENT ROLL OR VOTERS' LIST.

Resident Owner's Oath.

You *swear* (1) that you are *A. B.* (2) ; and that you have not voted before at this election, either at this or any other polling place ;

That you are actually, truly, and in good faith, possessed to your own use, as owner, of the land in respect of which your name has now on your information been entered on the Deputy Returning Officer's list ; that you have been such owner of the said property for the six months next preceding this election ; that the said land has been patented, and is of the value of at least $200 ;

That you are now, and have been continuously for six months immediately preceding this date, actually, truly, and in good faith a resident within the territory included in this Electoral District ;

That you are entitled to vote at this election in respect of the said property ;

That this, to the best of your belief, is the polling place nearest to the said property ;

That you are of the full age of twenty-one years ;

That you are a subject of Her Majesty, either by birth or by naturalization ;

That you have not received anything, nor has anything been promised you either directly or indirectly, either to induce you to vote at this election, or for loss of time, travelling expenses, hire of team, or any other service connected therewith ;

And that you have not directly or indirectly paid or promised anything to any person, to induce him either to vote or to refrain from voting at this election :

So help you God.

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(1) If the voter is a person who may by law affirm in civil cases, then for "*swear*" substitute "*solemnly affirm.*"

(2) Insert here the name of the voter.

Form 24.

(*Referred to in Section* 92.)

Resident Householder's Oath.

You *swear* (1) That you are *A. B.* (2), and that you have not voted before at this election, either at this or any other polling place ;

That you are actually, truly, and in good faith, a resident householder in the said district, in respect of the property which has now on your information been entered on the Deputy Returning Officer's list as the property on which you vote ;

That you are now, and have been continuously for the six months immediately preceding this date, actually, truly, and in good faith, a resident householder of this Electoral District; (*or* of the territory included in this Electoral District *as the case may be*);

That you are entitled to vote at this election in respect of the said property;

That this, to the best of your belief, is the polling place nearest to the said property;

That you are of the full age of twenty-one years;

That you are a subject of Her Majesty, either by birth or by naturalization;

That you have not received anything, nor has anything been promised you, either directly or indirectly, either to induce you to vote at this election, or for loss of time, travelling expenses, hire of team, or any other service connected therewith;

And that you have not directly or indirectly paid or promised anything to any person to induce him either to vote or to refrain from voting at this election:

So help you God.

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(1) If the voter is a person who may by law affirm in civil cases, then for "*swear*" substitute "*solemnly affirm.*"

(2) Insert here the name of the voter.

Form 25.

(*Referred to in Section 7, sixthly (b).*)

[*Note.—By 51 V. c. 4, s. 7, sub-s. 2 (printed at page 14)*, UNENFRANCHISED *Indians of whole or part Indian blood, not residing among Indians or on an Indian reserve, must, in lieu of legal enfranchisement, have the same property qualification as heretofore—that is the same as before the Manhood Suffrage Act—in order to entitle them to vote.*]

INDIAN'S OATH.

Where there is not a voters' list, if a candidate or his agent alleges that the voter is an Indian, one or other of the following oaths is to be administered to such voter, the voter having the right to select which.

"You swear that you do not participate in the annuities, interest, moneys, or rents of any tribe, band or body of Indians, and do not reside among Indians."

or

"You *swear* that you are not an Indian, nor a person with par Indian blood.'

The oaths required of other voters are to be taken as in other cases, if required. (*As to qualification of unenfranchised Indians not residing among Indians or on an Indian reserve. See above note.*)